

Delete the Abstract of the Disclosure Section at Page 7 of the Specification and replace with the following Replacement Section:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

{A] The invention is an annular two-section closure closing ring assembly for detachably securing and sealing a lip of a removable lid or cover on the rim of an open head cylindrical drum, barrel, or container. Spaced annular ring sections are rotatably interconnected at the adjacent ends thereof and positionable around and on the lip of a lid on the rim of a drum. Adjustable fastener means connect and compress the opposite ends of the interconnected annular ring sections into a near abutting relation to detachably secure the lip of the lid to the rim of the drum. This annular two-section drum closing ring creates a drum closing system. An annular two-section closing ring. The invention provides an annular two-section closing ring that is much easier and safer to install and remove around and on the lip of a lid or cover on the rim of an open head drum [.] rather than over and on the lid as required to install conventional annular closing rings. An annular two-section ring will prevent preventing Use of the invention eliminates pinch points that exist occur when manually installing and removing the conventional single and multi-section one-piece annular closing rings. Hinges and conventional drum closing ring fastening methods connect the multiple ring sections ends. Rings Annular closing rings of more than two three annular ring sections can also be used to accomplish the same goal as the annular two-section drum-closing ring; although, efficiency would dictate a two-section ring to be more practical.